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Re: Ex Parte Presentation: CC Docket 98-172, RM-9005, RM-9118

Dear Ms. Salas:

Referenced as item I below is a summary of separate ex parte conversations that Joslyn Read of Hughes Network Systems had on May 18, 2000 with Mr. Ari Fitzgerald, Legal Assistant to the Chairman, and with Mr. Adam Krinsky, Legal Assistant to Commissioner Tristani. The discussions covered Hughes' positions in the above-proceeding regarding the deployment of ubiquitous earth stations for GSO/FSS systems in the shared portions of the Ka-band.

Enclosed are the following:

- I. Hughes Spaceway Summary Position on Licensing Ubiquitous Earth Stations in the Ka-band, dated May 19, 2000;
- II. HNS Proposal for Blanket Licensing in the Shared 18 GHz Band, dated May 4, 2000, and previously submitted to the Commission; and

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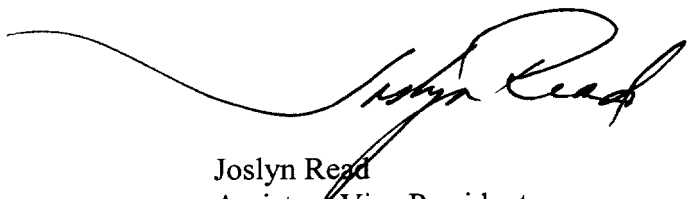
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- III. A set of documents from the record relating to the use of the 29.25-29.50 MHz band by ubiquitous FSS earth stations (from the 18 GHz proceeding, CC Docket 98-172, RM-9005, RM-9118; the Blanket Licensing Rulemaking, RM-9005; the 28 GHz Band Plan Proceeding, CC Docket 92-297; and the 28 GHz Petition for Reconsideration in CC Docket 92-297)

An original and one copy are enclosed. We also are providing copies of this filing and the enclosures to the individuals listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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